

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3545 – SB 3427

April 13, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (016541, 016721): Amendment 016541 deletes all language after the enacting clause of the original bill. Requires each local board of education to develop a policy whereby student Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) scores in grades three through eight will compose at least 15 percent but no more than 25 percent of a student's final grade in math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies. These policies shall utilize performance levels as determined by the State Board of Education to be developed by the spring semester of 2011. Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year and subsequent years, requires a TCAP testing window of two weeks. This window shall be no earlier than the first Monday on or after April 22. Such tests must be given after 150 days of instruction. Grants the Commissioner of Education the authority to adjust the testing window for multiple reasons including natural disaster, prolonged inclement weather, or outbreak of illness. Amendment 016721 makes a technical correction to amendment 016541, changing references to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-614 to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-614.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000/One-Time
\$450,000/Recurring

Increase Local Expenditures - \$39,510,000/One-Time
\$6,585,000/Recurring*

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- According to the Department of Education, the testing window mandated by amendment 016541 will still require the quickscore reporting and retrieval of raw TCAP data

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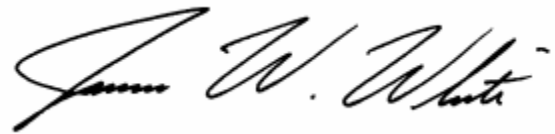
through a secure Web site. Quickscore reporting will require state and local technology upgrades.

- State expenditures will increase \$50,000 in one-time expenditures for the initial Web site set-up fee and \$450,000 in recurring expenditures for Web site maintenance, support, and Web based reporting.
- Local expenditures will increase approximately \$39,510,000 in one-time expenditures for 1,317 middle and elementary schools at \$30,000 per school for technology upgrades and approximately \$6,585,000 in recurring expenditures for technology maintenance at a cost of approximately \$5,000 per school.
- Any cost to the State Board of Education to develop test percentage guidelines can be accomplished within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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